CREAMY BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP





INGREDIENTS

2 packages (20 oz. each) of peeled, cubed butternut squash

4 cups chicken stock

1 and 1/4 cups heavy cream

2 tablespoons butter

3/4 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons light brown sugar

2 tablespoons pure maple syrup

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Combine squash and stock in pot and bring to a boil.
- 2. Reduce heat and cook until squash is very tender.
- 3. Cool slightly (for safety, especially if you are transferring to food processor)
- 4. Puree, using an immersion blender, or food processor. (see notes 1-3)
- 5. Return puree to pot over medium low heat.
- 6. Stir in remaining ingredients
- 7. Cook, stirring, until heated through.

NOTES

- 1. Soup may be prepared through step 4, up to 2 days in advance.
- 2. Cover puree and keep refrigerated.
- 3. I find it is easiest to puree using an immersion blender.
- 4. Fully cooked soup easy keeps for at least 2 days in refrigerator.
- 5. Original recipe calls for pepper, but I never use it.
- 6. If you want to add "heat" use cayenne 1/4 t or more to taste.